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Subject: SI and H Experimentation 21 August 1951 (Room 3).

On Tuesday, 21 August 1951, [redacted] and the writer conducted SI and H experiments between 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM with [redacted] as subjects and [redacted] as observers only.

Note: [redacted] have withdrawn from further active participation in the experiments at this time due to external circumstances.

The writer used the first 1½ hours of this session to completely review the work to date and to explain and describe some future work to all present. The reason for the work, its background and future potential were discussed.

Since [redacted] had for some time been interested in the phenomena of "automatic writing" as a possible interrogation technique, tests were begun in this direction. Both [redacted] were, at separate times, placed in a deep trance state. After tests for depth had been made, complete anesthesia of their arms were obtained. Thereafter, both subjects were given post H suggestions that upon awakening their right arms would be completely insensitive. In each case, after subjects were awakened, an almost complete anesthesia was obtained in their right arms, although it was felt that an even more positive anesthesia could have been obtained if more positive and repeated post H suggestions had been made on each subject.

These tests, however, served as a good beginning to later work along the lines of automatic writing or drawing.

No other experiments were conducted, but safety precautions as usual were reinforced. Both [redacted] continue to be excellent subjects.

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